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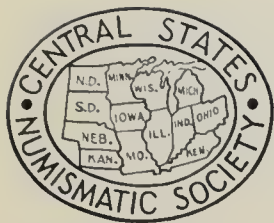
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1941	3.00	6.75	7.50	1948	13.00	8.00	NM
1942	2.50	4.50	18.50	1949	32.50	26.50	27.50
1943	2.50	4.25	5.50	1950	23.50	16.00	NM
1944	1.50	3.50	3.25	1951	6.50	25.00	15.00
1945	1.35	4.00	2.50	1952	4.50	4.00	14.50
1946	1.25	3.75	5.75	1953	15.00	3.50	7.50
1947	2.00	2.25	5.50	1954	3.50	2.25	4.25
1948	1.50	3.00	2.75	1955	8.50	NM	NM
1949	12.50	6.00	NM	1956	4.50	NM	NM
1950	1.75	2.00	3.75	1957	4.50	2.60	NM
1951	1.25	1.25	7.50	1958	4.50	2.25	NM
1952	1.50	1.50	3.00	1959	3.75	2.25	NM
1953	2.00	1.25	2.00	1960	3.00	2.25	NM
1954	1.25	1.50	1.50	1961	3.00	3.00	NM
1955	2.25	5.00	NM	1962	2.25	2.00	NM
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Cerebral Palsy Victim Enjoys Coin Festival

One of the most enthusiastic registrants at the recent Missouri Numismatic Society of St. Louis 11th annual "Coin Festival," August 11-13, was 15-year-old Clarence "Buddy" Jordan of Creve Coeur, Missouri.

Buddy shyly but happily commented that his attendance realized an ambition hopefully cherished since his introduction to numismatics at the age of 8 when his family presented him with a partial set of cents. His interest has been sustained and accelerated by an anonymous St. Louis volunteer worker of the Randen-Jordan Home for Convalescent Crippled Children, 10621 Ladue Road, St. Louis, where he is a cerebral palsy patient, and the Home's Director of Recreation and Volunteer Services, George Schumacher, both of whom accompanied the young numismatist to the festival.

Obviously enjoying his initiation to formalized numismatics, Buddy excitedly exclaimed that he was surprised, awed, flabbergasted, and fascinated at the crowds and, in his own words: "I just never thought I would ever see this much money in one place!"

Although currently specializing in cents, wistfully anticipating the day when he might be the proud owner of a 1909-SVDB cent, Buddy collects other issues as well and is surprisingly knowledgeable concerning various related legends and other pertinent facts.



"Buddy"

He was visibly thrilled and excited by the red carpet treatment from festival officials, who enjoyed as much as did he, his acceptance of one of the attractive purple VIP badges and other festival mementoes. Subsequent contacts with Home personnel revealed that that evening, and for many days since, Buddy, who had thrilled his fellow patients with vivid ac-

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PRESIDENTIAL

COMMENTARY

As I look back over the last two C.S.N.S. conventions and read the nice writeups in the various numismatic papers, I feel elated to have been associated with our Society during this time. Quoting from Cliff Mishler of *Numismatic News Weekly*, I agree that "C. S. N. S. has once again regained the status that we formerly enjoyed."

This brings us to the situation NOW at hand, which is NEW MEMBERS and the filling of vacancies that now exist on the Board of Governors. As of now, we lack the following personnel to bring our Board up to its legal membership. The following states have NO representation at present, and I will welcome names from our members whom we can contact to serve. We need two members from each of the following states: North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, and Kentucky. We also need another Governor from Wisconsin, Kansas and Missouri.

I feel that it is up to the C. S. N. S. members to furnish names of reputable members in their communities that will be willing to serve and help your officers to push Central States to even greater heights. After all, this is YOUR organization and it will only be as strong as the members make it.

In the July issue of *THE CENTINEL* we had some 60 new members listed, and I would like to welcome them to our Society. I hope to meet you at some of the various coin shows that we attend. Keep up the good work, and let's add another 100 members by the time of the next *Centinel*!

I attended the St. Louis Coin Festival, the New Orleans A. N. A. show and the

Illna convention in Decatur. Looks like the coin hobby is having some of its better days.



David L. Cooper

Let's all do what we can to promote the hobby and show those non-collectors what they are missing!

—DAVID L. COOPER
President

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Plan NOT to miss the '73 convention of C. S. N. S. slated for May 4-6 in Peoria!

A MESSAGE FROM THE

SECRETARY

All that attended the Milwaukee convention learned what constitutes a well-run and successful convention, and we do not feel that any additional remarks should be adhered to.

If you, as a member of C. S. N. S., received two billings for your dues each year, that is enough and is completely fair to you. On October 31st of each year, after the second billing for dues, members with unpaid due will automatically be dropped from our membership. The Secretary does not feel that he should be required to prompt you to do your duty. We hope you will receive this in the man-

ner of a loyal member.

—F. S. EPPS,
Secretary-Treasurer

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HELP!! If you know the present addresses of these members, please advise the Secretary:

2221 Thomas J. Settle
L.M. 31 Charles W. Holland
L.M. 55 Don F. Lacey

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PLEASE NOTE

Dues to April 30, 1973, not paid by October 31, 1972, will be dropped from C. S. N. S. membership.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

The persons named below have applied for membership in the Society. Each applicant will become a member in 30 days, unless a written objection to his application is received by the Secretary-Treasurer prior to that date.

NEW MEMBERS SINCE THE JULY, 1972, ISSUE OF THE CENTINEL

2421	L. Klein	Chicago, Ill.
2422	Richard Montford	Palo Alto, Calif.
2423	Robert Cohen	Bladensburg, Md.
2424	Sylvia Novack	San Bernardino, Calif.
2425	Chuck Furjanic	Pittsburgh, Pa.

ATTENTION

Here are the dates and locations of future C.S.N.S. Conventions:

May 4-6, 1973.....Peoria, Illinois

Dates to be announced, 1974.....Detroit, Michigan

Invitations for future conventions must be submitted in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

33rd Anniversary Convention of C. S. N. S.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 28-30, 1972

RECEIPTS

Bourse Fees	\$16,250.00
Convention Badges	1,102.00
P.N.G. — Security	196.88
Banquet Tickets	532.50
Ladies Luncheon Tickets	108.00
RARCOA — Auction Rights	1,100.00
Bank Interest Earned	180.99
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$19,470.37

EXPENDITURES

Convention Badges	\$ 1,013.30
Convention Ribbons	107.71
Expo Convention Hall Rental	1,250.00
Bourse Booths and Exhibit Set-up	2,268.75
Telephone Service at Expo Hall	44.31
Electric Service at Expo Hall	272.00
Liability and Property Damage Insurance	150.00
Security	640.49
Registration	211.69
Advertising — Newspapers and Publications	544.84
Banquet	1,547.25
Ladies Luncheon and Favors	157.30
Program Booklets	237.65
Printing: Stationery, Forms, Registration Cards, Tickets, etc.	143.41
Hospitality	254.70
Trophies	186.63
Awards: Non-competitive	83.04
C. S. N. S. Cases — Freight from Homer, Mich.	286.80
C.S.N.S. Cases — Freight to Peoria, Ill.	266.40
Photography	94.80
Long Distance Calls	87.05
Postage	175.32
Committee	190.23

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$10,213.67
Balance for Distribution	\$ 9,256.70
To Central States Numismatic Society	\$ 4,628.35
To Milwaukee Numismatic Society	\$ 4,628.35

Prepared by A. P. (Del) Bertschy, General Co-chairman.

Audited by the following members of Milwaukee Numismatic Society, Aug. 20, 1972: L. R. Hartz, Vice President; Anthony Tramte, Treasurer; Charles Opitz (CPA). Auditing witnessed and approved by Gale V. Highsmith, President.

Dissatisfied? Bored? Well, then...

— by *Daniel C. Parker*

Eventually, every collector arrives at the point in his hobby where either disinterest, dissatisfaction or boredom sets in. The collection he has so carefully been accumulating is either complete or — worse luck — the specimen he desires is either unobtainable or he cannot afford it. When you arrive at this impasse, I suggest one cure. *Study the history, design, background, or occasion for the specimens you already possess!*

One of the most fascinating aspects of this, our beloved hobby, is the unlimited material, easily found in any library, that is available to make our coins, our friends. I have always contended that a collector can tell a story about any coin in his collection. At my home club, just a few short months ago, I heard a woman collector tell of her romance with commemorative coins. Her enthusiasm in the design convinced me that I had ignored or was entirely ignorant of some of the most important portions of the over-all design. She made me see the coin as the artist who designed it would want it to be seen!

So the following day I went to the vault, took out the still incomplete set, brought it home and really saw it for

the first time!!

Because it is the very first coin in my holder, I took out the Lafayette Dollar. True, it is a thing of beauty, but what was the story behind it?

I took out the trusty Redbook and looked to see what it had to tell. A very dry tale indeed. It tells us that the Lafayette Dollar was the first coin to carry a portrait of one of our presidents, 36,026 were minted, it sold for \$2.00 originally, and the dies were prepared by C. E. Barber! Nothing astonishing or too interesting there!! So I researched further.

The coin was designed by Charles E. Barber, one of the fine U.S. Mint staff. The occasion was the erection of a monument to the memory of General Lafayette, in Paris, as a part of the participation by the United States in the Paris Exposition of 1900. Not 36,026 were minted, but 50,026! The first number was the number sold by the Lafayette Memorial Commission to defray the cost of erecting the monument in Paris. The obverse design bore the conjoined busts of Washington and Lafayette, and quite appropriately so! The lives of the two super patriots very closely paralleled each other although they were worlds apart in many ways. The Washington head was copied from the bust by Houdon. This bust now reposes in Mount Vernon, Washington's home. The bust of Lafayette is said to have been based on a French medal that was struck in 1824. It most certainly portrays Lafayette as much older than the hero of the American revolution! At your next opportunity, study the portrait closely. The Washington bust is much handsomer than the one appearing on the very familiar Quarter Dollar. The detail is exquisite down to the finest hairline! Or shall we be honest and call it the finest peruke line?? The rest of the obverse design is quite simple, just the lettering, "United States of America—Lafayette Dollar."

Let us now turn to the reverse. It depicts a statue mounted on a horse, quite obviously meant to be the full figure of
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Lafayette. The inscription around the perimeter of the coin: "Erected by the youth of the United States in honor of Gen. Lafayette"! And at the bottom, Paris — 1900."

The tribute to youth is very appropriate. School children in the United States had contributed \$50,000 toward the design and erection of the tribute to one of our own patriots who was not a citizen of our country!

The minting of the coin was quite anticlimactic. They were struck in just one day, December 14, 1899. The very first coin struck was presented to President McKinley who forwarded it to the French President, Loubet. Although many people contend that the Peace Dollar was intended to be a commemorative, the fact remains that the Lafayette Dollar was the only coin of that denomination so far issued. The date the coin was struck is in itself important. It was struck on the anniversary of the death of Washington in 1799! Although struck in 1899, the coin was dated 1900, one of the few times (until recently) that a coin was struck bearing a date other than the year of mintage!!!!

Every school child is familiar with George Washington, and I imagined that I knew of Lafayette. How wrong I proved myself to be!! Upon further study, I discovered a man worthy of a Hollywood novel!

Many of you are familiar with my penchant for characters; how I ever missed this one, I'll never know. Here he is, a nobleman, fighting for a democratic cause! Lafayette was born in 1757, his full name: Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette. Enough names in there for a stable full of movie stars!

His father was killed in war when the young Marquis was but two years old. Orphaned at age 13, Lafayette inherited from his noted father a sizable estate, and as befitting a well-to-do young man, he began his education.

While a student in college in Paris, he came to the notice of the king. He won a commission as a soldier at 15 years of age. He was stationed at a fort at Metz when he met a brother of King George III of England. The brother told him of the revolt in the colonies in the New World.

Then and there, Lafayette determined to come to America to aid in what he considered a noble cause!! He was willing to leave his friends, luxury, estates, desert everything to participate and contribute to this cause.

Because his father and an uncle had died in battle, his family was violently opposed, and quite understandably! Nevertheless, he ran away in disguise, bought

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a ship, and persuaded a group of fellow officers to accompany him on this great adventure. The ship landed near Georgetown, South Carolina, and Lafayette and his brother officers made their way to Philadelphia to offer their services. Although promised a commission by an American agent (who had no authority to do so), he was refused by the Congress. They felt that foreigners taking command of American troops would be degrading to young Americans who would be promoted to the positions the foreigners would be filling. Lafayette was disheartened and somewhat discouraged, but he was a believer in the cause of the Colonies!

He then wrote a letter to Congress, offering to serve without pay, as a volunteer. Through the intervention of Ben Franklin, who had known Lafayette in Paris, his services were accepted. Franklin, however, warned that he should be kept out of dangerous situations for if he were killed,

the effect would be bad in France, France being at this time one of the staunch supporters of the burgeoning nation. Congress responded to Franklin's importuning by naming Lafayette a major general — before his 20th birthday!

Young Lafayette was a great deal like our modern youth, he wanted to be where the action was! At Brandywine, Lafayette was wounded in the leg. While convalescing, he and George Washington became good friends. They complimented each other perfectly. Today's psychologist would say that Lafayette was looking for a father-figure, while Washington was seeking someone to treat as he would a son. When France entered the war as an ally, Lafayette became a most popular figure in both countries and helped cement the friendship that has endured to this day. Lafayette was not only a man of action but a man of compassion, too!! At Yorktown,

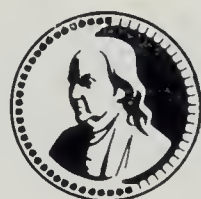
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where Cornwallis surrendered. Lafayette was said to have paid for the uniforms of his 2,000 troops or else they would have fought their final battle in rags!!

What a character the Marquis de Lafayette would make in a Hollywood movie!!

Just because someone whetted my interest, I have spent many pleasurable and fulfilling hours. Why don't you too, treat yourself to this enjoyment?

Lafayette visited the United States many times. President Monroe invited him to visit as the guest of the nation! Almost every state in the nation has named either a town or county after him. In Easton, Pennsylvania, a college is named after him. In naming the college, it was quoted, "As a testimony of respect for the talents, virtues, and signal services, of General Lafayette, in the great cause of freedom, we name this 'Lafayette.'"

A great tribute to a super patriot!

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It's Peoria in '73. Plan now for your annual C. S. N. S. convention. May 4-6.

ENJOYS COIN FESTIVAL —

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counts of the festival, was the hero of the hour.

The Missouri Numismatic Society of St. Louis will be glad to act as liaison between any philanthropic-minded potential donors of the coveted 1909-SVDB cent or other numismatic material, and Buddy, or he may be contacted directly through Home officials.

—Bernice Stevenson

1973 PROOF SETS

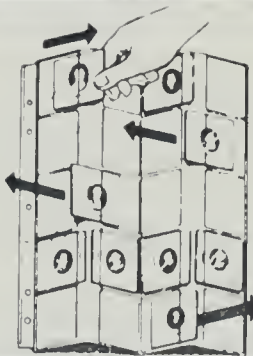
The U.S. mint is now accepting orders orders for 1973 proof sets. The price has been upped to \$7.00 per set — but for the first time since 1904 a set contains a proof dollar. Of course, the Eisenhower dollar is of the copper-nickel circulation metal. For proof coin collectors this makes another proof variety as the 40% silver Eisenhower was struck in proof, too.

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The annual fall show, always successful in drawing the general public as well as collectors, expects to have fifty dealers on hand from all across the country.

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Meeting during the A. N. A. conclave in New Orleans, the Numismatic Literary Guild (N. L. G.) selected the *Standard Catalog of World Coins* as the "1972 Book of the Year."

Hard on the heels of the announcement came word of a new, improved third print-

ing, released Sept. 1, only six months after the first edition made its appearance. Published by *Numismatic News Weekly* publisher Chet Krause, the new printing is now available at most coin and hobby shops or direct from Krause's in Iola, Wis. Price tag: \$10.

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Death claimed *Dave Allen*, 69, while on a fishing trip to Green Lake, Wis., in September. Allen will be missed by all who knew him and by the Calumet Numismatic Club of East Chicago, Ind., which he had served as treasurer. He was the club's "take charge member that we all leaned and depended on," according to George Hawk, club secretary.

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Behn-Miller Publishers, Inc. of Encino, Calif., recently announced the selection of Clement F. "Clem" Bailey, free-lance writer, as the Senior Editor of their annual publication, *Coin Collector's Yearbook*.

The firm publishes *COINage Magazine* and *Coin Mart* in the numismatic field, as well as other non-numismatic periodicals.

"Bailey's Coin Notebook" column is featured in *COINage Magazine*, as well as a numismatic question and answer column. Bailey also answers all of the numismatic mail for Behn-Miller Publishers.

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Who was it that said, "There's always time to do it over, but never enough time to do it right the first time?"

—ROLLIE FINNER,
Editor

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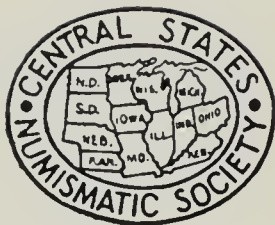
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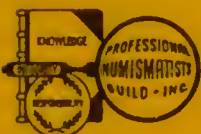
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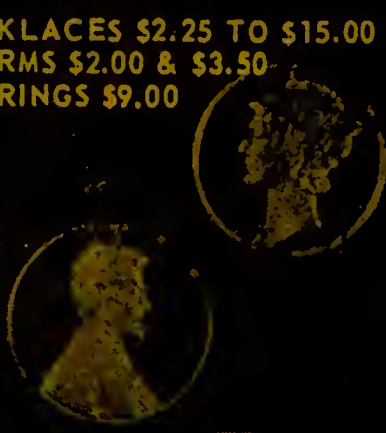
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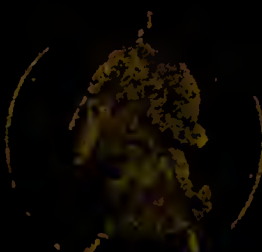
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